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SUBJ: AIR DEFENSE TEAM FOR JORDAN

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SUMMARY:

1. AIR DEFENSE SURVEY TEAM WILL SERVE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND MILITARY PURPOSES IN US INTERESTS. BELIEVE IT THEREFORE USEFUL FOR THIS MISSION TO SET DOWN A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT BASIC CONSIDERATIONS AS SEEN FROM HERE TO ASSIST IN STATE AND DEFENSE PLANNING. THESE INCLUDE MILITARY GOALS OF: SURVEYING ALTERNATIVE LEVELS OF AIR DEFENSE FOR JORDAN; PROVIDING INFORMATION TO JORDANIANS ON WEAPONS SYSTEMS CAPABILITIES, AVAILABILITY, AND COSTS; PROVIDING SENIOR LEVELS IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WITH APPROPRIATE INFORMATION, INCLUDING JORDANIAN INTERESTS, IN ORDER TO MAKE NECESSARY DECISIONS ON RELEASIBILITY. IN POLITICAL AREA, CONTINUING GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH JORDAN CANNOT BE DISRELATED TO WAY TEAM CONDUCTS ITS STUDY. JORDANIANS EXPECT HIGHEST TYPE OF MILITARY

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PROFESSIONALISM AND THIS APPROACH WILL PRESERVE AND

ENHANCE OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JORDANIANS.
ON THE BASIS THAT THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE A SENSITIVE
ISSUE IN USG/GOJ RELATIONS, WE WILL HANDLE TEAM'S
ARRIVAL AND PRESENCE IN JORDAN IN A VERY LOW KEY MANNER.
END SUMMARY.

2. MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS: JORDANIANS HAVE LITTLE
SOPHISTICATED AIR DEFENSE EXPERTISE. THEY WILL RELY
HEAVILY ON TEAM FOR OBJECTIVE ADVICE, INFORMATION AND
RECOMMENDATIONS. WE PRESUME TEAM WILL ARRIVE WITH
MINIMUM RESTRAINTS ON ESSENTIAL INFORMATION WHICH IT
CAN PROVIDE JORDANIANS, BOTH ON US AND ALTERNATIVE
FOREIGN SYSTEMS, I.E. ROLAND, RAPIER.

3. TEAM WILL HAVE TO OPERATE IN KNOWLEDGE THAT IT IS
BEING RELIED UPON TO PROVIDE FRAMEWORK FOR TWO SETS OF INTER-
LOCKED DECISIONS:

(A) A JORDANIAN DECISION ON WHAT IT DESIRES, AND (B)
A US DECISION ON TYPES, QUANTITIES, AND AVAILABILITY
OF WEAPONRY IT IS WILLING TO RELEASE. JORDANIANS WILL
EXPECT US TEAM TO ADDRESS THEIR TWO BASIC AIR DEFENSE
PROBLEMS:

(A) DEFENSE OF FORCES IN THE FIELD; AND (B)
DEFENSE OF THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE TO INCLUDE THEIR MAIN
AIRFIELDS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT JORDANIANS HAVE TOO
MAY PRECONCEIVED IDEAS ABOUT WHAT KIND OF DEFENSE THEY
SHOULD PURCHASE. THEY WILL BE RELIANT UPON OUR EXPERT
OPINIONS; THEY MAY WELL QUIETLY CHECK THESE WITH OTHERS.
SOME EARLY ACQUISITIONS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF AIR DEFENSE
WEAPONRY WILL BE AN IMPORTANT MORALE FACTOR, ESPECIALLY
FOR GROUND FORCES, WHO NOW FEEL NAKED IN FACE OF POTENTIAL
AIR ATTACK AND WHO LOOK ENVIOUSLY AT SOVIET EQUIPMENT
IN THE HANDS OF SYRIANS AND IRAQIS.

4. A WORD ABOUT COSTS; PRICE AND AVAILABILITY WILL BE
KEY FACTORS IN JORDANIAN DECISION MAKING. IT WOULD BE
INAPPROPRIATE, HOWEVER, FOR TEAM TO BECOME A FISHING
EXPEDITION TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH MONEY JORDANIANS
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EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO ALLOCATE TO THIS AREA. WE WILL,
OF COURSE, BRIEF TEAM ON ARRIVAL ON ALL
ASPECTS OF POTENTIAL AND REALIZED FUTURE FUNDING AS
WE KNOW IT HERE, BUT ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IS A UNILATERAL
DECISION WHICH KING HIMSELF WILL MAKE. TEAM SHOULD
OBVIOUSLY NOT SKEW ITS ASSESSMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF COSTS AS IMPLIED REFTEL. RATHER, IF
AT ALL POSSIBLE, OPTIONS SHOULD BE WORKED UP AT DIFFERENT

LEVELS OF COSTS, AND PRESUMABLY EFFECTIVENESS, FOR JORDANIAN REVIEW AND DECISION.

5. JORDANIANS HAVE, OF COURSE, BEEN ALREADY TOLD TEAM WILL COME PREPARED TO CONSIDER AIR, MISSILE AND GUN DEFENSE SYSTEMS FOR JORDAN. JORDANIANS WILL BE INTERESTED AS WELL IN DUAL CAPABILITY OF ANY SYSTEM, I.E., INTERCEPTOR AIRCRAFT WHICH ALSO HAVE A GROUND ATTACK CAPABILITY, SINCE THEY WILL WANT TO MAXIMIZE COST-BENEFIT RATIO OF WHATEVER SYSTEM THEY CHOOSE.

6. POLITICAL: IN SIMPLEST TERMS, JORDANIANS FEEL THAT AIR DEFENSE IS A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM WHICH OTHER ARAB STATES, NOW CONTRIBUTING FUNDS, WILL LOOK TO JORDAN TO CLEAR UP QUICKLY NOW THAT THEY ARE MAKING MONEY AVAILABLE. OUR WILLINGNESS TO BE HELPFUL IN THIS AREA IS LOOKED TO AS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT (NEXT TO OUR BILATERAL AID AND POLITICAL SUPPORT) ASPECTS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

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7. KING IS TAKING A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS QUESTION AS, OF COURSE, ARE PRIME MINISTER AND CHIEF OF STAFF. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT KING WILL WISH TO HAVE A BRIEFING SESSION WITH SOME OR ALL OF MEMBERS OF TEAM PRIOR TO

THEIR DEPARTURE. IN ADDITION, JORDANIANS WILL EXPECT A REPORT FROM TEAM WHICH DELINEATES, AT LEAST, THE VARIOUS AIR DEFENSE OPTIONS OPEN TO THEM. WHETHER OR NOT THIS TYPE OF REPORT WILL MEET JCS REQUIREMENTS IS QUESTIONABLE; HOWEVER, TEAM COULD ALWAYS PREPARE SEPARATE UNILATERAL REPORT TO MEET OTHER JCS REQUIREMENTS.

8. IF TEAM'S PRESENCE BECOMES SUBJECT OF PRESS REPORTS OR INTEREST, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD LIMIT STATEMENTS HERE AND IN WASHINGTON TO SAYING THAT FROM TIME TO TIME MEMBERS OF US ARMED FORCES VISIT JORDAN IN CONNECTION WITH ONGOING MILITARY SUPPLY AND TRAINING RELATIONSHIP, BUT THAT IN KEEPING WITH LONGSTANDING POLICY WE DO NOT COMMENT PUBLICLY ON THE DETAILS OF THAT RELATIONSHIP.

9. WE WOULD PREFER, GIVEN SENSITIVITY OF THIS ISSUE, THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS BE HANDLED WITH AMMAN IN CLASSIFIED CHANNELS AND IN THIS CONNECTION TELEPHONIC DISCUSSION HERE OF TEAM OR ITS ARRIVAL SHOULD
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